

**Washington, DC** – Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-2) today pledged his support to ensuring that the proposed Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Center for Columbus, GA becomes a reality.

Congressman Bishop issued the following statement:

“George Washington said ‘the morale and strength of a new nation’s military forces would be directly proportional to how well veterans who had served and sacrificed for the country were treated and appreciated,’ and I cannot agree more.”

“Our veterans have served our communities and our country, and we must do everything we can to ensure they are cared for in every way. I pledge to continue to do all I can in Washington to ensure a Veterans Center is set up and fully supported in Columbus. The military is part of the foundation of freedom; my colleagues and I in Congress are the trustees.”

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee and Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs (MilCon), Congressman Bishop has been urging both departments to consider creating a new veterans health facility in Columbus for several years. Congressman Bishop has been working with both the VA and the Department of Defense (DoD) on developing a plan to develop a Veterans Center in Columbus.

Congressman Bishop is a member of the House Appropriations Committee and Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Co-Chair of the Congressional Military Family Caucus. He has also served on the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

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